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1. The Presna Mechanika plant (Precision Machinery) in Bytea was subordinated to the Precision Machinery Enterprise in Stara Tura. /For location of the plant see Enclosure (A)./
2. This plant made drawing tables, school drawing boards, drawing instruments, measuring tools of various sizes, copying tables, tape measures, metal furniture, hospital beds, childrens' beds, etc. Drawing boards were made in three sizes. The production cost of one drawing board was 990 crowns; the sales price for export was 2,200 crowns. The production output for one shift (eight hours) was 60 drawing boards. Most of these boards were exported to the Soviet Union. The boards were packed in wooden boxes; the heads for the tables were packed separately. Once a month, these boards were taken to the railway station in Bytea. The school drawing instruments were made for the home market. The monthly output goal was 35 thousand pieces of various sizes. Copying boards were made only for export; the planned production goal was 80-90 pieces per month. The production cost of one table was 280 crowns. The sales price was 1,120 crowns. These tables were exported either to the satellite countries or sold on the home market. I do not know whether these tables were exported to the Soviet Union. Twelve types of metal tape measures were made from a special steel. The tapes were made from an inferior material and many times finished tapes had to be scrapped as defective. Slide gauges were made for the Soviet Union and other countries in the Soviet orbit. The production goal was very high. Two types of hospital beds were made, chrome and white enamel. The production goal per week was 200 beds. The sales price of chromium beds was 700 crowns; that of white beds, 450 crowns.
3. Raw-material was supplied by the Vitkovice Iron Works and by the foundry in Martin. Non-ferrous metals and special steel were supplied by the Steel Works in Kladno. The storehouse of raw-material was located in the plant. Coal was supplied by rail from Ostrava and Handlova. Water was supplied by the community waterworks in Bytea. Electric energy was supplied by the power plant in Klava. The whole plant was driven by electricity.
4. Plant equipment was very old. The plant had three true trucks: a 3.5-ton Skoda, a five-ton Tatra, and a five-ton Skoda; two passenger cars, a Skoda Tudor and a Jawa-Minor. In addition, there were two battery carts in the plant for local transportation.
5. The manager of the plant was Pavel Hurenik, a devoted Communist, age 35 years, height 170 centimeters, thin, blond hair, married, lived in Bytea. Technical manager of the plant was Jan Panik, a devoted Communist Party member, 35 years old height 175 centimeters, broad shoulders, black hair.

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6. The total number of employees of the Bytca plant was 1,300 workers, of whom 150 were specialists, 620 women, 20 administrative and technical employees; the rest were helpers.
7. The wage of skilled workers was 4,000 crowns per month; the wage of helpers was 3,000 crowns, skilled women workers 3,500. The wage of technical and administrative employees was 5,000 crowns. The manager's salary was 18,000 per month. Non-skilled women workers received 2,500 crowns. The plant worked in one shift, from 6 a m to 2 p m.
8. The total number of Communist Party members in the plant was approximately 100 persons. The rest of the workers were mainly without any political affiliation whatsoever. The Communist propaganda in the plant was negligible.
9. The plant has its own factory guard who wore blue uniforms and were armed with pistols. The total number of the guards was eight men. In addition, the plant had its own factory militia consisting of 24 men. The members of the militia wore blue overalls with a red band on the left arm. The members were armed with rifles which were stored in the plant when not in use.

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ENCLOSURE (A) Presna Mechanika (Precision Machinery) With Legend

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A hand-drawn map of a military training area. The main area is a rectangle measuring 800 m by 1200 m. Inside this rectangle, there are several numbered points (1-14) and symbols. Point 1 is a small rectangle. Point 2 is an L-shaped symbol. Point 3 is a horizontal rectangle. Point 4 is an L-shaped symbol. Point 5 is a horizontal rectangle. Point 6 is a small rectangle. Point 7 is a small rectangle. Point 8 is a small square. Point 9 is a small circle. Point 10 is a small circle. Point 11 is a small circle. Point 12 is a small circle. Point 13 is a small circle. Point 14 is a small circle. The area is divided into sections by lines. A road labeled 'BRATISLAVA' runs vertically on the left. A road labeled 'MALÁ ŠTĽA' runs diagonally on the top right. A road labeled 'KOLÁROVCE' runs horizontally on the right. A road labeled 'KNEŠOVÁ' runs vertically on the bottom right. A road labeled 'ŽILINA' runs vertically on the bottom left. A river labeled 'Váh' runs diagonally on the bottom left. A compass rose is located at the bottom center, pointing North (N) and South (S). A hatched area is located on the right side of the map.

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Legend

- 1... Directorate and administration building; a one-story building with a tar-paper roof, 40 x 40 x 8 meters.
- 2... Mechanical workshop, finishing and polishing workshop, store-house of goods; a one-story brick building with a tar-paper roof, 40 x 40 x 8 meters.
- 3... Paint shop and pattern store-house; a one-story brick building with a tar-paper roof, 50 x 6 meters.
- 4... Cabinet makers' workshop and mechanical workshop for the production of drawing boards, type Iris; a one-story brick building with a flat concrete roof, 60 x 30 x 8 meters.
- 5... Planning division, a one-story brick building with a flat concrete roof, 25 x 6 meters.
- 6... Boiler room, a one-story brick building with a flat concrete roof, 15 x 5 meters. This boiler room is provided with a high chimney (height not given).
- 7... Offices of the Workers' Council and Trade Union organization; a one-story wooden barrack with a tar-paper roof, 12 x 8 meters.
- 8... Gate-keepers' lodge; a one-story wooden barrack with a tar-paper roof, 8 x 5 meters. Here one man is permanently on duty.
- 9... Fence enclosing the area of the plant; the fence is made of wire net, is 3 meters high, fixed on concrete poles. On the top is barbed wire.
- 10... The town of Bytea.
- 11... Railway concrete bridge on four piers; the bridge is 120 meters long.
- 12... Building for the production of precision instruments, precision measuring tools a two-story brick building with a flat concrete roof, 60 x 40 x 10 meters.
- 13... Double track railway of the Czechoslovak State Railroads Bratislava - Zilina.
- 14... State highway Bratislava - Zilina, made of asphalt.

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